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FOR SHINN FROM GARRISON

E.O. 11652: GDS
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SUBJECT: OFFICIAL-INFORMAL

1. SHOULD WE CONSIDER AN EARLY TRANSFER OF TUA IN VIEW OF CIRCUMSTANCES? IF IT COULD BE DONE WITHOUT PREJUDICE, AND IF HE WISHED IT, WE WOULD BE INCLINED TO TRY AND DO SO. IF WE COULD USE ONE OF OUR SPARES, SUCH AS GUNDERSON OR PFOTENHAUER, THE IMPACT ON US WOULD BE MINIMAL. YOU MIGHT WISH TO TRY THIS OUT THERE WITH PER AND BEN. IF HE ELECTS TO RETURN, HERE ARE THE OPTIONS WE SEE FOR FILLING THE TUA POSITION IN SUMMER 1979. OTHER THINGS BEING EQUAL, WE WOULD PREFER TO GIVE PEOPLE HERE A CHANCE TO MOVE INTO AREAS THEY ARE INTERESTED IN. BOB PRINGLE MAY WISH TO LEAVE IN SUMMER 1979, AND WE WILL CHECK WHEN HE RETURNS END OF WEEK. MANDEL WOULD BE AN EXCELLENT CANDIDATE BECAUSE OF HER INR EXPERIENCE, BUT MOVING HERE WOULD LEAVE ONLY MCGAFFIGAN AS CARRYOVER IN SCI NEXT SUMMER. OF THOSE OFFICERS SLATED TO COME IN NEXT SUMMER, VERSHBOW'S BACKGROUND AND INTEREST SO FAR AS WE KNOW IS FOCUSSED ON POL/MIL, AND PFOTENHAUER IS AN UNKNOWN QUANTITY TO US. FEENEY
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AND KENNEDY ARE ALSO GOOD CANDIDATES. IF BILL KUSHLIS MOVES INTO PETER TOMSEN'S POSITION IN POL/EXT NEXT SUMMER, THAT WILL LEAVE A PPO VACANCY, CLEARING THE WAY FOR JOHN FEENEY OR LAURA KENNEDY TO TAKE THE TUA POSITION AND THE OTHER, THE PPO SLOT. IF YOU HAVE A CHANCE, YOU MIGHT DISCUSS PRELIMINARILY WITH BOB GERMAN. WE WILL BE COMING IN FRONT CHANNEL SOON WITH OTHER ELEMENT

OF THE PICTURE, AND NEED TO CONTINUE THE DIALOGUE.

2. COULD YOU PLEASE HELP US GET CABLED RESPONSE TO AMBASSADOR'S OFFER TO HOST SMALL RECEPTION FOR CODEL LEGGETT. WE ARE MAKING PLANS FOR RECEPTION ON AUGUST 22, BUT CANNOT PROCEED FURTHER WITHOUT CONFIRMATION THAT A RECEPTION IS DESIRED. ALSO, WE CONTINUE TO RECEIVE CONFLICTING SIGNALS ABOUT THE COMPOSITION OF THE DELEGATION. MINFISH REPORTS IT HAS BEEN INFORMED THAT ONLY SIX PERSONS WILL BE COMING, VICE EIGHT MENTIONED IN STATE 200124.

3. COULD YOU PLEASE GET A LIST OF THE SPECIALIZED UN COMMITTEES FOR CONSULAR SECTION? WE HAVE PROBLEMS IN OUR VISA MESSAGES FOR SOVIETS GOING TO PARTICIPATE IN WORK OF SUCH COMMITTEES, BECAUSE LITERAL TRANSLATIONS OF TITLES FROM MFA NOTES OFTEN SEEM CLUMSY. IT WOULD MAKE BOTH OUR JOB AND THAT OF DEPARTMENT'S END USERS EASIER IF WE COULD GET LIST OF TITLES IN ENGLISH. TOON

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